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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE PROVIDED WITH MATRIX TYPE CURRENT
LOAD DRIVING CIRCUITS, AND DRIVING METHOD THEREOF

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Sir:

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RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A14 discloses a current load device and its driving method.

The relevance of documents A15 and A16 is described in the present specification.

Documents A1 and A13 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Documents A2 and A7 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Documents A3 and A9 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Documents A4 and A14 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Documents A5 and A15 claim priority based on the same first-filed application.

Documents A6 and A16 claim priority based the same first-filed application.

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Applicant respectfully requests that any listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.

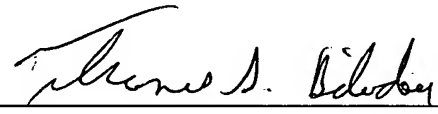
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